

**WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT  
SUPERFUND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BRANCH (6SF-E)  
October 24, 2017**

**NEW MADRID SEISMIC ZONE - FEMA PLANNING:** EPA Region 6 provided FEMA with planning assistance the week of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, relating to potential ESF 10 duties in the event of a major earthquake along the New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ). FEMA has requested both EPA and Arkansas DEQ to provide this information in order to assemble the Course of Action (COA) relating to potential ESF 10 assignments following a major earthquake. A large-scale exercise for NMSZ is currently being planned for April of 2018. **(Crossland, x2721)**

**EPA RECEIVED SAMPLING DATA FOR PAWHUSKA HS ER, PAWHUSKA, OK:**

EPA collected soil samples from the softball field on October 02, 2017 after the request was made by the workgroup on September 22, 2017, due to concerns by the school and community. EPA collected seven 5-point composite samples from the flow-back pit area, behind home plate, left field, and outside the fence behind center field. All results were non-detect or below regional screening levels with the only exception being arsenic, which ranged between all seven samples 1.9 mg/kg to 10 mg/kg. Background arsenic concentrations in Oklahoma have a median of 3.96 mg/kg and a range of 0.75 mg/kg to 33.6 mg/kg. EPA expects to share the results with the site workgroup this week. **(Crossland, x2721)**

**LD CONSTRUCTION OIL SPILL, LUMBERTON, TX:** On October 19, 2017, EPA conducted a final inspection of the cleanup action at the LD Construction Oil Spill located near Lumberton, TX. The RP (LD Construction) successfully completed the cleanup of 9 residential properties as well as the company's facility. The properties were initially impacted by about 2,000 gallons of asphaltic oil from a tank on the facility that broke loose, cracked open, and released its contents during major flooding related to Hurricane Harvey. Based on the October 19, 2017, inspection, no additional work is needed. **(Crossland, x2721)**

**SPILL PREVENTION CONTROL AND COUNTERMEASURE (SPCC) INSPECTION**

**CONDUCTED IN GRANT COUNTY, OK:** On October 23, 2017, an Emergency Management Branch Inspector conducted an SPCC inspections at the Squirrel Oil & Gas Company, Corneil Lease Tank Battery, production facility, located in Grant County, OK. The Inspection is scheduled due to citizen complaints and/or alleged unreported spills. **(Crossland, x2721)**

**E17635-MARITSKY OIL SPILL, HOMER, LA:** Emergency Management Branch Staff completed field operations of the EPA Lead emergency removal action on October 23, 2017. A total of 30 roll-off containers with oil contaminated soils, 1 roll-off container of oil contaminated debris and absorbents, and 328 bbls of oil from Flat Lick Bayou, were disposed. According to LDNR, an additional 200 bbls were removed from the ruptured

line and leaking well prior to the incident being reported to EPA. Final disposal was shipped on October 23, 2017. **(Crossland, x2721)**

**EPA TO PROVIDE SPILL PREVENTION OUTREACH AT THE OSAGE OIL AND GAS SUMMIT IN SKIATOOK, OK:** An Emergency Management Branch Staff is scheduled to setup and man the EPA Oil Spill Outreach Booth at the Annual Osage Oil & Gas Summit October 31 - November 27, 2017, in Skiatook, OK. In addition, a EPA will provide a presentation on Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) compliance to the Osage Oil and Gas Operators. More than 1000 attendees are expected to participate in the Summit. **(Crossland, x2721)**

**VELOCITY MIDSTREAM OIL SPILL, ALEX, OK:** The RP (Velocity Midstream) continued cleanup activities along the impacted creek in Grady County, OK the week of October 16th. Small leaks of oil continue to seep out into the creek from the area of the broken pipeline. EPA and our START contractor maintained full-time oversight at the spill location all week. The RP will need to maintain pad and boom as well as continue vacuuming out oil from the water in the creek until the leakage stops. EPA will visit the spill again on October 25th to determine if additional cleanup work is needed. **(Crossland, x2721)**

**WORLD SERIES 2017, HOUSTON, TX:** The City of Houston will host Games 3, 4 and 5 of the 2017 World Series from Friday, October 27 through Sunday, October 29, 2017. The Event is designated, by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), as a Special Event Assessment Rating (SEAR) 3. The SEAR incorporates a risk methodology that prioritizes special events submitted to the federal government for their awareness and consideration of support, with SEAR level 1 being the highest priority events. While EPA Region 6 response assets have not been activated to support the event the Emergency Response Branch has coordinated with federal, state, and local partners and verified the availability of response assets. The response program will maintain situational awareness of developments on the ground and readiness to respond if activated. **(Crossland, x2721)**

**REGION 6 SUPPORT TO HURRICANE MARIA AND IRMA RESPONSE, PONCE, PR:** Region 6 is continuing to support the Response effort in Puerto Rico with On-Scene Coordinator (OSC), Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC), Public information Officer (PIO) and Assistant Safety Officer (ASO) positions deploying the Week of October 30, 2017. Deployed personnel will be serving two week rotations. **(Crossland, x2721)**

**HOTZONE CONFERENCE, HOUSTON, TX:** Emergency Management Branch participated in the 18th annual HOTZONE Conference, held in Houston TX. Over 650 first responders, state and local planning officials, and tribal officials were given response and preparedness training for chemical accidents. **(Crossland, x2721)**

**REGION 6 LEPC WEBINAR, DALLAS, TX:** Emergency Management Branch staff conducted the monthly webinar on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, for LEPCs within

Region 6. The topic for this month will be the spill/release reporting requirements for CERCLA/EPCRA. **(Crossland, x2721)**

**Not sure if you want to include:**

**CAMP MINDEN / MINDEN, LA:** EPA and LDEQ provided comments to LMD on 100417 for their 090117 draft of the Closure Plan. On 102317, EPA and LDEQ had a conference call with LMD to discuss the comments. A revised draft is expected shortly. LMD's L2 soil sample results were reviewed and will be approved with no further action in the L2 magazine area regarding the clean burning igniter disposal in-place operation (pending mgmt. approval). **Adam Adams**

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SARA TITLE III PROGRAM OFFICIALS (NASTTPO) SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, HOUSTON, TX:** NASTTPO held their semi-annual meeting this weekend as part of the HOTZONE Conference. NASTTPO is made up of members and staff of State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs), Tribal Emergency Response Commissions (TERCs), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs), various federal agencies and private industry. Topics for the meeting included strategies for effective, zero-cost management of Tier 2 reports and presentations by the US Chemical Safety Board and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).

**Don't Include?**

**CERCLA REMOVAL**

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**HENLEY SEALANTS SITE PHASE 2 - OKLAHOMA CITY, OK:** The RP-led removal action continued this past week at the Henley site. To date, the RP contractors have removed approximately 2,000 tons of asbestos-contaminated soil from the site. The removal action will likely take up to 6 to 8 months to complete. **Mike McAteer**

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#### **PLANNING AND PREVENTION**

**RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:** Responding to several Freedom of Information (FOI) Act request pertaining to the Arkema Chemical Facility located in Crosby, TX. FOIA's submitted is requesting to review the Arkema RMP report. **Elizabeth Rogers**

**LEPC QUARTERLY UPDATE, DALLAS, TX:** Next week, Emergency Management Branch will distribute the quarterly LEPC Update to LEPCs, Tribes, States, and other stakeholders. The newsletter will be reviewed/approved by External Affairs. **Steve Mason**